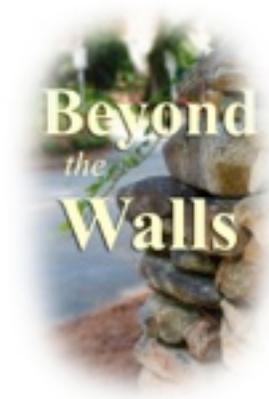


# Wake Forest Baptist Church Capital Campaign Newsletter



## 1. ADVANCE COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITY

In order to have the best campaign possible, a series of meetings are scheduled that are open for anyone to attend. The purpose of these meetings on November 3 to 5 is to provide information to members who wish to make their financial commitments to our campaign in advance of the congregation at large.

The meetings are informational only. No commitments will be received at these meetings. They are brief and informal meetings to learn more about the campaign and to understand how early commitments can do much to lead the church to its highest level of commitment.

If you would like to participate as a leader in giving through the campaign, then please call the church office and sign up.

## 2. WHAT IS MY PART?

Our *BEYOND THE WALLS* capital campaign is seeking gifts and commitments to give that are “over and above” the members’ regular giving that supports the annual ministries budget. How does a person or family decide on what amount they will give?



A story comes to mind. During one church’s capital campaign, a church member came up to the pastor on Sunday and said, “I have already decided on my campaign gift. Here, I brought it with me and I hope it is the right amount.” As an envelope was handed to the pastor, he replied, “I am sure it is the right gift if it represents you.” The member then paused and took back the envelope saying, “I will have to think about that some more.”

The next Sunday the member again approached the pastor and said, “Pastor, here is my campaign gift. I hope it is the right amount.” The pastor replied again, “I am sure it is the right gift if it represents you.” The member, looking a little frustrated, took back at the envelope and said, “Well I really do have to think about this and I might as well pray about it too.”

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On the third Sunday the member came up to the pastor, handed him an envelope and said, “Pastor, here is my gift and believe me, this gift represents me!”

Deciding to give an “over and above” gift is a challenging process. It requires thought and prayer and finally action. No effort will be made to “tell” any person what he or she should commit. There are, however, some questions that might be helpful in determining one’s part. “Have I asked God to direct my decision?” “Does this amount give an accurate reflection of who I am and what my resources are?” “How does this amount represent sacrifice for me?”

### 3. CAMPAIGN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

October 23	Wednesday Prayer Emphasis
October 27	“Giving With Believers” Campaign Bible Study #3
October 27	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 3	“Giving From Wealth” Campaign Bible Study #4
November 3	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 3 – 5	Advance Commitment Meetings
November 10	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 17	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 24	Major Event with Commitment Worship Service
December 8	Beginning of Three-Year Campaign Giving



### 4. EXAMPLES OF CAMPAIGN GIFTS

The following examples of campaign giving come from the campaigns that our consultant Ruben Swint has led through the years.

A couple took the money that they had been saving for a home renovation project and gave it to their church along with making a monthly commitment.

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A young couple postponed their purchase of a newer home for three years and committed the extra increase in house payments they would have been making had they bought the home.



A couple decided to give up their vacation to the Bahamas in order to make a larger financial commitment.

A family decided to commit their IRA contributions for the next three years to help increase their challenge commitment.

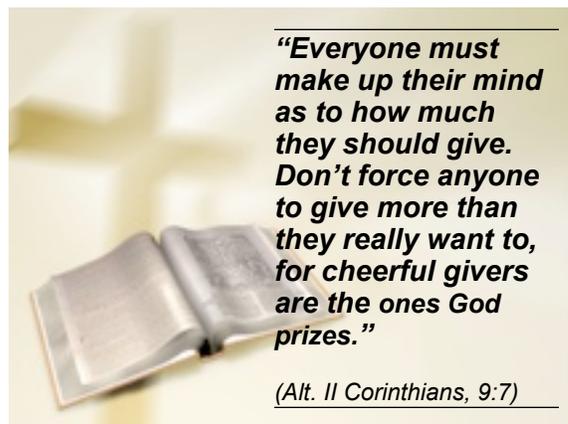


A couple had been planning to buy five acres and build their dream house. Through prayer and discussion, they decided to buy two acres, build a smaller house and commit the difference in costs.

A man had just restored a 1957 Chevrolet. After prayerful consideration, he decided to sell it and give the proceeds as a part of his commitment.

A young school boy had a lawn mowing job, from which he tithed his income weekly. He prayed about his commitments and decided to give an additional 10% of his income as his commitment.

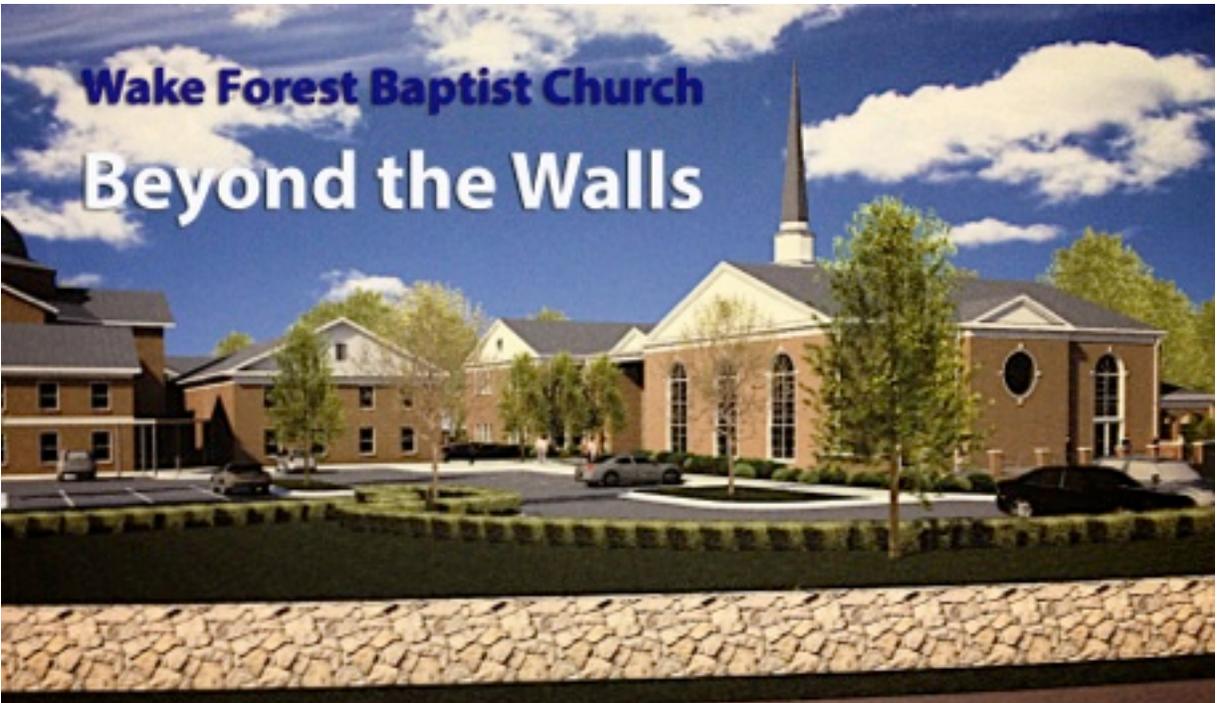
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***“Everyone must make up their mind as to how much they should give. Don’t force anyone to give more than they really want to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes.”***

*(Alt. II Corinthians, 9:7)*

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